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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Stephen M Brinich

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 24-26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 9-11, 17, 18 and 27-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-8, 12-16 and 19-23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Paper #4: page 9, line 10 - page 12, line 23, filed 16 March 2004, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, 2, 9, 10, & 17 under 35 USC §102 and the rejection(s) of claim(s) 3-8, 11-16, & 18-26 under 35 USC §103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made as set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 9-11, 17-18, & 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuroyanagi in view of Applicant's admitted Prior Art.

Re claims 1-3, 9-11, & 17-18 Kuroyanagi discloses (column 5, line 46 - column 6, line 19) a print job managing arrangement

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in which print jobs are transmitted to a printer (500) from a print server computer (100) with print job information stored in a storage device separate from the printer (103). A user password (identification information) (column 3, lines 60-66) is compared to print job identification information stored in this storage device (column 4, lines 13-35).

Re claims 27-29, the storage device 103 is provided in print server 100.

Re claims 1-3, 9-11, 17-18, & 27-29, Kuroyanagi does not disclose the prompting of a computer user to enter a password in response to a display. The prompting of a computer user to enter a password is well known in the art as described by Applicant (page 2, line 29 - page 3, line 1). The use of a password prompt in Kuroyanagi in order to insure that the user is made aware of the need to enter the user password would be an expedient obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Re claims 4-6, Kuroyanagi does not disclose the editing of a password entry and the storing of the edited password..

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 24-26 are allowed.

5. Claims 4-8, 12-16 and 19-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if

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rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Re claims 4, 6, 13-14, 19, 21 (and dependent claims 5, 7, 15-16, 20, 22-23, 25-26, & 30), the art of record does not teach or suggest the recited print job information editing arrangement in conjunction with the transmitting of one set of print information to be transmitted to a printer and the transmitting of a set of print job information to a storage device separate from the printer.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Brinich at 703-305-4390. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays 7:00-4:30, alternate Fridays off.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Tech Center 2600 Customer Service center at 703-306-0377.


If attempts to contact the examiner and the Customer Service Center are unsuccessful, supervisor David Moore can be contacted at 703-308-7452.

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Faxes pertaining to this application should be directed to
the Tech Center 2600 official fax number, which is 703-872-9306.


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